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IN THE CLAIMS

(Currently Amended) A bag slitting apparatus for opening a sealed bag, comprising: 1. first and second arms having exterior surfaces extending concavely from a common bridge;

the first arm carrying a cutting surface on an interior surface facing the second arm; and the second arm carrying a receiving surface that cooperates with the cutting surface to make a cut through a portion of the bag when the first and second arms are opposed about the bag, and

wherein the first and second arms are each significantly wider than the bridge.

2-3. Canceled.

- (Previously amended) A bag slitting apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the arms 4. and the bridge are said-fabricated as a single piece of plastic
- (Previously amended) A bag slitting apparatus as claimed in Claim 4 wherein the cutting 5. surface is an edge of a metal blade.
- (Previously amended) A bag slitting apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the 6. receiving surface is curved.
- (New) A bag slitting apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the entirety of the first and 7. second arms extend concavely from the bridge.